2014 College Board Counselor’s Workshop

Collegeboard.org/cw

Reach Higher- National Campaign- Michelle Obama spoke about- by 2020 being the country with the highest population of college trained people

Access to Opportunity

* All In
* 4 or More
* College App Fee Waivers
* Realize your College Potential

Resources for Counselors-

* Big Future website- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>
* CB Webinar series was developed in response to the need of SC

2014 Counselor Online Community- Join

Advanced Placement/ SAT

* Student website
* New online score report for educators- AP scholar report (students who took 3 or more and made a 3 or better)
* AP Bulk Registration and Enrollment Pilot- coming…
* Advances in AP- Support for Teachers
* Resources on Share AP- for School
* My College QuickStart & AP Potential
* Website-apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement for schools and what they accept for AP scores
* Website- apstudent.collegeboard.org- scholarship info
* Revised SAT coming in 2016- deliveringopportunity.org- updates and seeing how the new test will be. 1st practice will be available Jan 2015. 1st full length practice test will be available March 2015. Current 10th graders will take this.
* Resource center for educators
* CollegeBoard partners with Kahn Academy for test prep
* Official SAT question of the day
* SAT fee waivers- larger #’s available, will accept Late registrations with fee waivers with no late fees, more payment options (paypal, etc..)
* Fee Waiver Eligibility- Free/Reduced lunch- Webinar
* Will deliver Fee Waivers directly to students who register for the test. They will get these when scores are delivered.
* No limit to the # of waivers- use discretion
* SAT Counselor registration report
* Will need to download the spreadsheet for SAT scores.

PSAT

* Redesigned PSAT 1st admin will be in fall 2015- sample questions will be available Dec- Jan 2014- sample test will be available March 2015- deliveringopportunity.org

AP Capstone

* New AP Offerings- AP Seminar and AP Research along with 4 AP Exams taken during any 4 years during HS- Fill out a form of interest if interest.

Financial Aid

* 2 types- Gift and Self Help, Scholarship(Earned), Grants(Incentive) and Work- Study and Loans
* Deadlines- Many Deadlines are October 1 for applications, FAFSA deadline varies- 2/15, generally 3/1
* Provided to help families supplement their ability to pay for college
* Student has to apply for admission for those schools that are listed on the FAFSA
* Sources of Financial Aid- Federal Aid, State Governments, Colleges and Universities, Private Organizations
* Family Size, Number in College, type of income, how much income
* Total cost (Direct + Indirect) – EFC = Financial Aid
* Fafsa.gov
* Pin is needed for electronic signature pin.ed.gov
* IRS data data retrieval tool- Better to be on time than to be 100% accurate! You can change info- cannot change dates!
* <https://studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa/filling-out#financial-info>
* Right now NC doesn’t recognize same sex marriage- however partners are partners and partners- family size are family size- doesn’t recognize common law marriage either
* Parental information collection
* FAFSA completion by HS…see website on powerpoint handout!
* Order a box or 2 of the FAFSA worksheet so the students have something to work from as well as what they need!!!

Scholarships & Grants- Free!

* FastWeb.com
* Bigfuture through collegeboard
* Mycollegedollars
* Cfnc.org

Maximum pell for 14-15 is 5,730.

Subsidized- Interest is paid while student is in school- amount you can borrow is determined by your grade level

Federal PLUS- Parents can borrow- Must have good credit

TEACH grant- Obligation to teach a certain # of years or area- Forgiveable loan.

There are financial Aid Award Notification Comparison Tools example: BigFuture

College Scorecard- Part of the new initiative

Top 5 things counselors should tell students about Financial Aid

1. Never rule out a college based on cost
2. Compare cost before applying
3. Remember to apply (FAFSA deadlines are available online at fafsa.ed.gov/deadlines
4. Get advice
5. Compare awards

Websites are on back of handout!